

Paralympics Fact File

All About Wheelchair Tennis

What is Wheelchair Tennis?

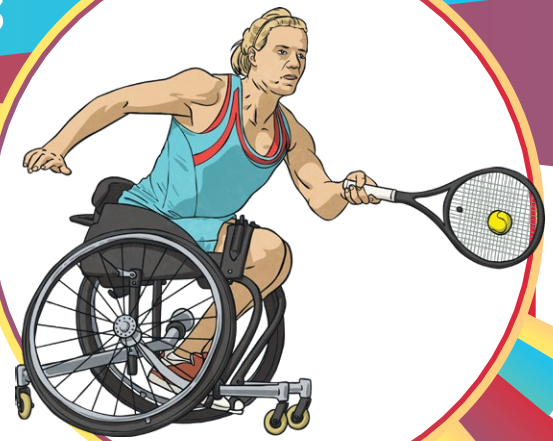
Wheelchair tennis is a very popular and technical Paralympic sport.

Wheelchair tennis is for athletes that have a physical impairment that affects their mobility (movement).

Wheelchair tennis is very similar to the Olympic sport.

The Rules

- The rules of Wheelchair Tennis are similar to the Olympic sport, however there are some differences:
 1. 'Two bounce rules' – unlike Olympic tennis, the ball can bounce twice and the second bounce can be inside or outside the court lines.
 2. When serving, the athlete is allowed one push of the wheelchair before hitting the ball.
- Matches are the best of three sets with a tie-break if there is a draw at the end of each set.
- There are six medal events - men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, quad singles and quad doubles.
- Each nation can enter 4 men and 4 women into singles events, and a maximum of 3 quad players in the quad singles.
- A maximum of four men and four women may compete as teams in men's and women's doubles and a maximum of two players may compete as a team in the quad doubles.



Facts About Wheelchair Tennis:

- Wheelchair tennis is a very popular sport; it is played in over 100 countries.
- Team GB players Gordon Reid and Alfie Hewett had a great Olympics in 2016. They won both the gold and silver in the men's singles tournament with Gordon Reid coming first and Alfie Hewett coming second. They also came second in the men's doubles tournament.
- Wheelchair tennis became part of the Paralympic Games in Seoul in 1988.
- There are over 150 wheelchair tennis tournaments taking place in over 40 countries across the world. Wheelchair tennis is now part of four grand slam tennis events including Wimbledon.
- In Rio 2016, Team GB won the most medals across multiple categories including: Men's doubles; Men's singles; Women's Doubles; Quad Doubles and Quad Singles. Team GB finished with a total of 1 gold medal, 3 silver medals and 2 bronze medals - finishing 3rd overall in the medal standings.